

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 10, 2007. Claims 1 to 8 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7, all which have been amended, are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 to 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,684,397 (Byer). Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

The present invention generally concerns installing first software and second software capable of operating while linking to the first software. Among its many features, the present invention provides that (i) a first link setup step performs a link setup of the second software already installed in association with a button of the first software, and that (ii) a second link setup step performs a link setup of the second software installed in a second installation step, in association with the button of the first software already installed.

For example, Figure 4 and page 13, line 21 to page 14, line 4 of the specification are seen to describe a representative embodiment corresponding to foregoing features (i) and (ii). Of course, it should be noted that the scope of the claims is not limited to this representative embodiment and/or the details described in Figure 4 and page 13, line 21 to page 14, line 4.

Referring specifically to the claims, independent Claim 1 as amended is directed to a software installation method which installs first software and second software capable of operating while linking to the first software. The method comprises a first installation step of installing the first software, and a second installation step of installing

the second software. The method also comprises a first link setup step of performing link setup of the second software already installed, when the installation of the first software in the first installation step ends, and a second link setup step of performing link setup of the second software installed in the second installation step, when the installation of the second software ends. The first link setup step performs the link setup of the second software already installed in association with a button of the first software. The second link setup step performs the link setup of the second software installed in the second installation step, in association with the button of the first software already installed.

Independent Claims 5 as amended is directed to a storage medium which is seen to generally correspond with Claim 1.

Independent Claim 3 as amended is directed to a software installation method which installs first software and second software capable of operating while linking to the first software. The method comprises a first installation step of installing the first software, and a first monitoring step of monitoring that the installation of the first software in the first installation step ended. The method also comprises a second installation step of installing the second software, and a second monitoring step of monitoring that the installation of the second software in the second installation step ended. In addition, the method comprises a first link setup step of performing link setup of the second software already installed, when it is judged in the first monitoring step that the installation of the first software ended, and a second link setup step of performing link setup of the second software installed in the second installation step, when it is judged in the second monitoring step that the installation of the second software ended. The first link setup step performs the link setup of the second software already installed in association with a button of the first software. The second link setup step performs the link setup of

the second software installed in the second installation step, in association with the button of the first software already installed.

Independent Claims 7 as amended is directed to a storage medium which is seen to generally correspond with Claim 3.

The applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of the invention of the subject application. In particular, Byer is not seen to disclose or suggest at least the features that (i) a first link setup step performs a link setup of second software already installed in association with a button of first software, and that (ii) a second link setup step performs a link setup of the second software installed in a second installation step, in association with the button of the first software already installed.

As understood by Applicant, Byer discloses an apparatus for remote installation of software which includes a first processor programmed to execute a master process effective to communicate with and control a slave process; a storage device operably connected to the first processor to store first configuration data; a second processor operably connected to the first processor for executing the slave process effective to communicate with and be controlled by the master process, and programmed thereby to execute an installation program; and a memory device operably connected to the first processor to store inputs to and outputs from the slave process. See Byer; Abstract.

However, Byer is not seen to disclose or suggest that a first link setup step performs a link setup of second software already installed in association with a button of first software. Moreover, Byer is not seen to disclose or suggest that a second link setup step performs a link setup of the second software installed in a second installation step, in association with the button of the first software already installed.

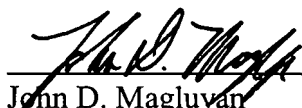
Accordingly, based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 as amended are believed to be allowable over the applied reference.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied reference for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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